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Archdiocese of N.O. adds another priest to child abuse list



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The Archdiocese of New Orleans adds another priest to its list of clergymen credibly accused of child abuse.

In a [statement](#) released Wednesday, the Archdiocese added 78-year-old Henry Brian Highfill to that list following the conclusion of an investigation into abuse allegations against Highfill.

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and has ann... Highfill's removal from ministry, the statement read.

The Archdiocese says Highfill has not ministered in the New Orleans area in 40 years, although he served as a military chaplain through the Archdiocese of the Military.

Highfill was ordained in 1974. He is accused of engaging in child abuse from 1975 to 1981. The Archdiocese says it received allegations of Highfill's alleged abuse back in 2018, and was removed from the ministry in November of that year.

Below is a list of Highfill's pastoral assignments:

Our Lady of the Rosary, New Orleans

St. Ann, Metairie

St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie

St. Edward the Confessor, Metairie

St. Francis de Sales, Houma

St. Francis Xavier, Metairie

Archdiocese for the Military

Diocese of Las Vegas

As WWL-TV [reports](#), Mike Brandner's late brother Scott was one of Highfill's abuse victims.

Brander says his brother was 10-years-old and serving as an altar boy at St. Catherine of Siena when he met Highfill. Brandner says Highfill took an immediate liking to his brother.

"He would come to the house and grab Scott and put him on his lap, and then he would take him to the TV station and promised to get him on TV," Brandner told WWL-TV.

The TV station Brandner is referring to was WWL-TV. At the time, Loyola University owned WWL-TV and aired Sunday morning Masses. Highfill had Scott read the Epistle during those broadcasted church services.